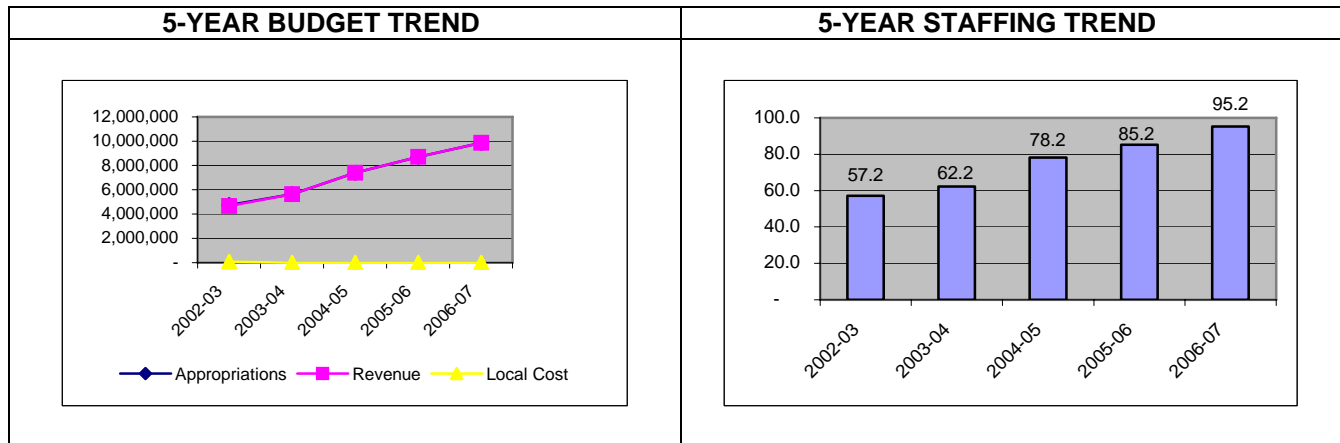


## Building and Safety

### DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The Building and Safety Division administers construction and occupancy standards to safeguard life, health and property in the interest of the general public's welfare throughout the unincorporated areas of the county. This is accomplished by applying county ordinances and state laws, and through the inspection of construction, alteration, moving, demolition, repair, occupancy, and use of buildings and structures.

### BUDGET HISTORY



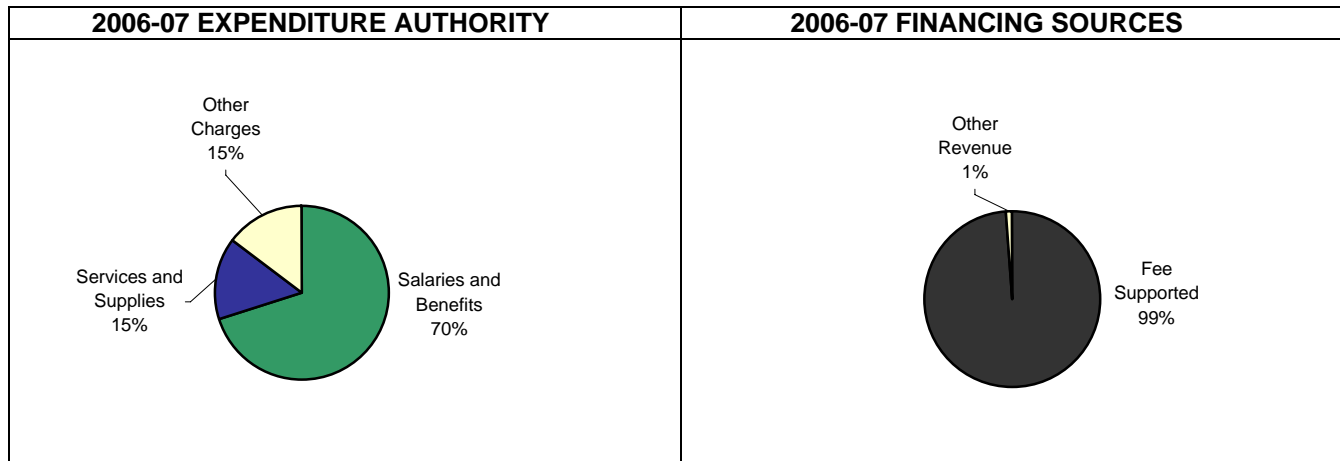
### PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Modified Budget	2005-06 Actual
Appropriation	4,591,029	5,874,519	7,074,539	9,150,776	7,840,181
Departmental Revenue	4,593,069	5,983,909	7,164,978	8,850,776	7,506,953
Local Cost	(2,040)	(109,390)	(90,439)	300,000	333,228
Budgeted Staffing				85.2	

In 2005-06, local cost was more than the modified budget due to the Board-approved building permit fee waiver program. On January 27, 2004 and October 25, 2005, the Board approved the use of onetime general fund contingencies to reimburse the Building and Safety Division for permit fees waived for victims of the Old and the Grand Prix Fires. The estimate of fees to be waived was \$300,000; however, the actual fees waived were approximately \$333,000.



## ANALYSIS OF FINAL BUDGET



**GROUP:** Public and Support Services  
**DEPARTMENT:** Land Use Services  
**FUND:** General

**BUDGET UNIT:** AAA BNS  
**FUNCTION:** Public Protection  
**ACTIVITY:** Other Protection

	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2005-06 Final Budget	2006-07 Final Budget	Change From 2005-06 Final Budget
<b>Appropriation</b>							
Salaries and Benefits	3,322,424	3,929,308	4,728,275	5,599,797	6,232,491	6,912,414	679,923
Services and Supplies	606,709	979,357	1,121,413	1,175,771	1,246,487	1,423,557	177,070
Central Computer	57,971	45,103	50,064	56,241	52,550	69,656	17,106
Vehicles	-	212,053	75,016	(1,500)	-	200,000	200,000
Transfers	603,925	712,404	1,099,771	1,010,351	1,172,557	1,265,368	92,811
Total Exp Authority	4,591,029	5,878,225	7,074,539	7,840,660	8,704,085	9,870,995	1,166,910
Reimbursements	-	(3,706)	-	(479)	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	4,591,029	5,874,519	7,074,539	7,840,181	8,704,085	9,870,995	1,166,910
<b>Departmental Revenue</b>							
Licenses & Permits	4,500,964	5,736,763	6,894,319	7,336,799	8,306,244	9,530,495	1,224,251
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	-	26,063	5,444	730	-	-	-
Current Services	45,502	89,397	176,929	21,681	297,841	240,500	(57,341)
Other Revenue	46,603	130,817	88,286	147,743	100,000	100,000	-
Other Financing Sources	-	869	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	4,593,069	5,983,909	7,164,978	7,506,953	8,704,085	9,870,995	1,166,910
Local Cost	(2,040)	(109,390)	(90,439)	333,228	-	-	-
Budgeted Staffing					85.2	95.2	10.0

In 2006-07, the Building and Safety Division will incur increased costs to maintain current services, such as negotiated labor agreements, retirement, risk management, central computer, and inflationary services and supplies purchases; and will incur decreased costs in worker's compensation. These costs are reflected in the Change From 2005-06 Final Budget column, along with changes related to department recommendations.

In 2006-07, the addition of 10.0 positions is added as follows. Salaries and benefits and other related costs will be fully offset by revenue from the issuance of permits.

- 5.0 Building Inspector II positions—1.0 in the San Bernardino office, 3.0 in Victorville, and 1.0 in Yucca Valley—are added to meet current workload requirements. Inspection requests have increased 27% countywide for the first six months of 2005-06 compared to the same time period in 2004-05. The number of inspections completed on the day requested has decreased from 98% to less than 93%; however, even this reduced level of service was only achieved through the significant use of overtime. Estimated overtime for Building Inspectors in 2005-06 is 4,700 hours, which is equivalent to 3.0 positions.
- 4.0 Public Service Employee positions—1.0 each in the San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Victorville, and Yucca Valley offices—are added for a work experience program. Local junior college students that are enrolled in building inspection technology classes will be able to gain meaningful experience working in a Building and Safety environment. These employees will assist regular staff at the public counter, answer phones, complete filing, conduct research, learn procedures and inspection techniques, ride with county building inspectors, and depending on knowledge level, may conduct some simple inspections.



- 1.0 Building Inspector III is added to review applications that are referred from Current Planning and provide input regarding Building and Safety requirements, which consist of non-residential development, subdivision review, and grading.

#### FINAL BUDGET CHANGES

The Board approved appropriation and revenue increases of \$40,500 for Fleet Management rate adjustments.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES		
Description of Performance Measure	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Projected
Percent of plan reviews completed within proposed timeframes.	82%	90%

